

REMARKS

The present amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed June 14, 2005, in which Claims 1-20 were rejected. Applicant has thoroughly reviewed the outstanding Office Action including the Examiner's remarks and the references cited therein. The following remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action and, when coupled with the above amendments, are believed to render the claims at issue patentable.

Claims 1, 9, 11, 16, 17, and 19 are amended, and Claim 8 is canceled. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added and that the originally filed specification, drawings, and claims support the amendments.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-20 over the claims of US 2005/0013108. Because a terminal disclaimer is being filed concurrently with this Amendment, this rejection has been rendered moot.

Claims 1-2, and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wilhelm (U.S. Patent 5,233,594).

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Wilhelm discloses an easily installable, repeatedly removable self-contained mass storage device for use in a

computer having a computer housing and an externally-accessible accessory aperture on the computer housing.

However, Wilhelm fails to teach or suggest using piano wire as the slide rail. In contrast, the present claims recite utilizing piano wire as the first sliding rail. The piano wire sliding rail can provide a buffer function for the removable hard disk module if the removable hard disk module is subject to an impact force or a vibration force. Therefore, even during a vibration test or an impact test, the removable hard disk module can be sufficiently protected and a hard disk therein can also be sufficiently protected. Additionally, the piano wire slide rail, if made of a high carbon steel, can be strong enough to support and protect the removable hard disk module and the hard disk therein, even when it has a small diameter. Accordingly, the structure of the present application is different from that of the cited reference.

Since Wilhelm fails to teach or suggest using piano wire as the slide rail, the amended independent Claims 1 and 11 can not be anticipated (or rendered obvious) by Wilhelm. Accordingly, Applicant submits that independent Claims 1 and 11 are allowable over the art of record and respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) rejections of Claims 1-2 and 11. In addition, insofar as Claims 2-7 and 9, 12-16, and 18-20 depend from

independent Claims 1, 11 and 17 respectively, and add further limitations thereto, these claims are also allowable over the cited references.

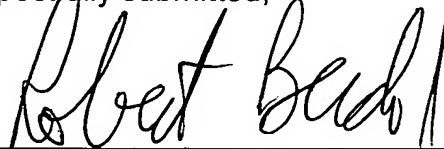
CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims as currently presented are in condition for allowance and hereby respectfully request reconsideration. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to pass the case to issue at his earliest convenience.

Applicant has thoroughly reviewed the art cited but not relied upon by the Examiner. Applicant has concluded that these references do not affect the patentability of the claims as currently presented.

Should any fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 18-0002, and advise us accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,



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